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TAB. IV.

MOONWORT.

THE root is compoſed of fibres adhering to the bottom of the ſtem, and to the bulb-like embrio of a future plant.

The leaf ſtalk is two or three inches high, firm, ſolid, and ſometimes a little flattiſh; it ſupports one pinnated leaf, compoſed of eight or nine pairs of kidney-ſhaped lobes, ranged ſo cloſe on the nerve as to lie over each other in an imbricated order, the loweſt pair largeſt, decreaſing gradually upwards, and a ſingle one, the ſmalleſt, terminating the nerve at top.

Seed veſſels ſupported on a ſtalk two or three inches high, growing from the top of the leaf ſtalk at the inſertion of the leaf; it is divided into ſeveral branches near the top, to which branches the ſeed veſſels are affixed in